NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING

CONNECTICUT’S PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Public Act 16-66 requires Governor Malloy, no later than July 1, 2017, to designate a nonprofit entity to be Connecticut’s Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system that will replace the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, which will be abolished by law on July 1, 2017. Public Act 16-66 also requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to issue a Request for Information to solicit information from nonprofit entities as to their capacity to be Connecticut’s

P&A system.

To assist in this process, OPM is interested in receiving input from the public regarding Connecticut’s P&A system and what would be necessary for a nonprofit entity to successfully implement the P&A system.

**To this end, OPM will hold a Public Hearing on Monday July 25, 2016 at 10:00A.M. in Room**

**1A at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.**

**OPM also welcomes written comments regarding this matter and will accept comments from**

**Monday June 27, 2016 through Friday July 29, 2016. Written comments can be submitted:**

**by mail to: David Guttchen**

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**or by email to:**

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Any questions should be directed to David Guttchen at OPM at 860-418-6286.

A sign language interpreter will be present at the hearing. Please contact the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities at least 5 business days before the hearing at (860) 297-4307, if other accommodations (material in large print, assistive listening systems, etc.) are needed.

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